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SUBJECT: STATUS SUDANESE MEDIATION ERITREAN ISSUE

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- 1. FOLLOWING RETURN HERE LATE FEB 15 OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S SPECIAL ENVOY, MINISTATE FONAFFS JAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED, GOS MEDIA HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING "SUCCESS" HIS MISSION AND PROGRESS MADE IN SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION ERITREAN QUESTION. ACCORDING PRESS, AHMED BROUGHT LZTTER TO NIMEIRI FROM VMAC VSAIRMAN TEFERI BENTI. HIGH ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY WILL "SHORTLY" VISIT SUDAN TO DISCUSS APPLICATION OF NIMEIRI'S THREE BASIC PRINCIPALS FOR SETTLEMENT (CEASEFIRE, AMNESTY AND UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS).
- 2. CONTRARY TO UP-BEAT NATURE SUDANESE PUBLICITY, AHMED TOLD ME IN BRIEF EXCHANGE LATE FEB 15 THAT, WHILE HE HAD MADE SOME PRHGRESS IN HIS TALKS IN ADDIS, IT HAD NOT BEEN AS GREAT AS PUBLICITY INDICATED. SIMILARLY, ON FEB 16 ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TOLD ME HE HAD AT THAT TIME RECEIVED NO UURD RE VISIT HERE ANY ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION. CHARGE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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3. COMMENT. SUDANESE MEDIA ARE NO DOUBT SEEKING FAN THE EMBERS OF NIMEIRI'S FLICKERING MEDIATION. WHILE IT COULD WELL BURST INTO FLAME SHOULD PARTIES SO DESIRE, WE SEE NO EVIDENCE HERE THAT AN EARLY BREAKTHROUGH IS LIKELY. MOREOVER, DESPITE SUDANESE PUBLICITY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY SENIOR ERITREAN LEADERS HAVE YET ARRIVED IN KHARTOUM. BREWER

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